

with clinical cervical warts had histologically proven CIN (five CIN 1, four CIN 2).

Current recommended NHS guidelines for colposcopy include dyskaryosis or a clinical suspicion of invasive cervical disease.<sup>3</sup> We suggest that cytological diagnosis is inaccurate in the presence of exophytic cervical warts and that their existence is an indication for colposcopy.

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## MSSVD REPORT

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**The Medical Society for the Study of Venereal Diseases Report of the Honorary Secretary to the 71st Annual General Meeting held at The Royal Society of Medicine on 23 October 1992**

Over the last year the membership of the Society has increased by 28, to 610; of these 158 are overseas members, from 43 countries. Professor Detlef Petzoldt was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Society. The death of Dr Joe Ribeiro was reported in December 1991.

Five ordinary general meetings were held and these were well attended, each by between 102 & 170 members. The Society is grateful to the Royal Society of Medicine for allowing use of The Barnes Hall and to Brocades Ltd, Janssen Pharmaceutical Ltd., Wellcome Medical Division and Perstorp Pharma Ltd for providing financial support.

The Janssen prize for the best paper presented by a junior member at the November OGM was shared between Dr Richard Coker of St Mary's Hospital, London and Dr Jyoti Dhar of Liverpool.

The MSSVD Undergraduate prize was awarded to Dr Kevin Frayne of the University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff.

The Spring Meeting was held in Dublin, Ireland from 18-21 June 1992. Attendance figures again rose with 223 delegates and 39 guests attending the meeting. Forty-four papers were presented orally and 82 as posters. The prize for the best oral presentation was awarded to Dr K Ward of Belfast and the prize for the best case report to Dr J Arumainayagam of Bristol. The prize for the best poster was shared between Dr K Rogstad of Nottingham and Dr P G Pandit of Birmingham. The social events were greatly enjoyed and the Society thanks Dr

Fiona Mulcahy for hosting such an excellent meeting. The Society is grateful to the pharmaceutical companies who provided generous sponsorship—in particular Bayer UK Ltd., Bristol Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Glaxo Laboratories Ltd., Janssen Pharmaceutical Ltd., Lederle Laboratories, Perstorp Pharma Ltd., Pfizer Ltd., Schering-Plough Ltd., Smith Kline Beecham Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Syntex Pharmaceuticals Ltd., and the Wellcome Medical division.

The Harrison lecture was given by Dr J D Oriel at The Royal College of Physicians on 24th April 1992. Entitled *The Future of Syphilis* it was very well received. Fifty members attended the dinner which followed.

The eleventh Genito-Urinary Medicine study weekend for doctors in training was held at Tetley Hall, The University of Leeds on 4 and 5 April 1992. The meeting was attended by 100 participants who enjoyed an interesting scientific programme. The society is grateful to Bayer UK for providing full financial support. The next meeting will be held on 3-4 April 1993 in Leeds and Bayer has again agreed to support the meeting.

A joint Anglo-French meeting, organised by Professor Alain Le Faou and Dr Michael Waugh, was held in Strasbourg, from 2-4 October 1992 with papers presented from both countries. The meeting was attended by 70 delegates and was most successful.

The Council of the Society met on seven occasions and amongst the items discussed were the following:

- Medical training in genitourinary medicine
- Recruitment to the specialty
- A model job description for consultants
- The role of clinical assistants in genitourinary medicine
- Overseas doctors in genitourinary medicine
- Regional representation on Council of MSSVD
- The process of Council elections
- A National Association for Genito-Urinary medicine
- The annual subscription to the Society
- HIV infection and tuberculosis
- Goals, indicators and targets for sexually transmitted diseases and
- The White Paper 'The Health of the Nation'

*Genito-Urinary medicine*, volume 67, in 1992 contained 333 pages, had 72 original articles, 5 editorials, 9 reviews, 6 AIDS clinico-pathological conferences, 6 conference reports or miscellaneous papers and 23 letters, the correspondence column being given more space and prominence. Another change in 1991 was the introduction of structured abstracts. The journal continued to publish papers on a wide range of sexually transmitted disease, including the tropical STDs, attracting papers from around the world with a substantial increase in submissions from Eastern Europe. At the end of 1991 the cover design and size of the journal were changed, producing a more up to date appearance for the journal. The Society thanks Professor Mindel for his continuing work as Editor to improve the style and content of the journal, and wishes him well in his new post in Sydney, Australia.

It is now time to give my personal thanks to those people who have supported me in

my role as Honorary Secretary over the last 12 months. I should first like to thank the other Officers of the Society: My year working with the President, Dr Harris has been instructive as well as enjoyable. The support of the Treasurer and Assistant Secretary has continued to be invaluable, as has that of the whole Council who must be congratulated on getting through some long and arduous agendas. Finally but most importantly I must again thank the secretaries without whose support I would have been unable to fulfil my role. Well known to many of you they are Elaine Ghent, Nancy McEwan and most recently Gina Alley.

This is my last meeting as Honorary Secretary of this Society, a post which I have enjoyed for the last three years. In this time the Society has continued to expand and develop, but the academic interests of the Society have been constrained by the time the Officers and Council of the Society have been able to give to duties which will now be taken on by the Association. My successor will be able to bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the post of Secretary of MSSVD, developing the principles on which the Society was established: of "promoting the study and practice of the art and science of diagnosing venereal diseases". I am pleased to be able to hand over to Dr Tom McManus; I am sure he will serve you well.

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## NOTICE

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### Royal Society of Medicine

A conference on *Emerging Patterns of Heterosexual HIV Infection and Transmission* will be held 29-31 March 1993.

Details obtainable from Miss L Raine, the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8SE, telephone 071-408 2119.